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BRIEF MENTION.

Present-Day Conditions in China. By Marshall Broomhall. iv and 58 pp. and Maps. Fleming H. Revell Co., New York and Chicago, 1909. Price, 50c. The author, editorial secretary of the China Inland Mission, gives an outline of the great and rapid movements now taking place in the Empire. Most of the events he mentions have occurred within the past twelve or fifteen months. This little volume should be influential in stimulating intelligent interest in the history China is now making. The book also shows what foreign influences and especially missionary effort are accomplishing and the native reform movement is clearly depicted.

Het Afrika-Vraagstuk. Door Dr. C. M. Kan. 170 pp., Index and Map. H. D. Tjeenk Willink & Zoon, Haarlem, 1909. This paper, by Dr. Kan, the learned professor of Geography in the University of Amsterdam, is a concise discussion of questions and problems, from earliest times to the present day, relating to the exploration and development of Africa. We see here summarized the gradual growth of our knowledge of the physical features, climatic conditions, distribution of animal and vegetable life, etc., and the slow but enormous improvement in methods of exploration and study. The sketch map, in colours, gives a graphic idea of the progress of refined surveys, the extent and distribution of still little known regions, trade routes, railroads and telegraphs, agricultural and grazing areas, etc., and Passarge's division of the continent into natural regions. A valuable contribution to scientific geographical literature.

The Heart of Central Africa. Mineral Wealth and Missionary Opportunity. By John M. Springer. With an Introduction by Bishop J. C. Hartzell. 203 pp., Illustrations and Sketch Map. Jennings & Graham, Cincinnati, 1909. Price, $1. An account of the journey made by Mr. Springer and his wife, missionaries, across Africa from Umtali, on the western edge of Southern Rhodesia, to Loanda, on the west coast. A readable story of a remarkable trip and also instructive, for Mr. Springer had an eye for facts that would throw light upon the country and its inhabitants and resources. His route took him through the Katanga region, which is supposed to possess one of the great copper reserves of the world.

Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association. Report of Proceedings of the First Annual Convention, Baltimore, Nov., 1908. Edited by Addison B. Burke. 274 pp. The Book Print, Philadelphia, 1909. Contains many addresses on the subject of coastal and inland waterways and their development.

Die kutzowalachische Frage. Von C. A. Bratter. 186 pp. and Map. Wilhelm Opetz, Leipzig, 1907. Price, M. 1.40. Over a century ago, the people treated in this work lived in the southwestern part of Rumania, from which they emigrated to their present home, chiefly Albania but extending also into northern Greece and western Rumelia. They have had frequent troubles with their neighbours. Wide attention was attracted to them in 1905 when an irade of the Turkish government permitted them to support their own schools, use their own language in church and school and establish and administer their own local governments. The purpose of Mr. Bratter's book is to unravel the tangle of politics in this western end of Turkey so that it will be intelligible to German readers; and also to describe these sons of Rumania and show their relations to the other Balkan peoples.

Landeskunde der Vereinigten Staaten von Nordamerika. Von Prof. Heinrich Fischer. 2 Vols. I-115 pp., 22 Maps and Figures, 14 Illustrations and Index.

II-103 pp., 3 Maps in text and 1 Map in Colours, 14 Illustrations and Index. Göschen, Leipzig, 1908. Price, 80 pf. each. The "Sammlung Göschen" has at length reached our country in its little volumes dealing with regional geography. The work may be commended to German-reading Americans as an excellent example of condensed treatment of regional geography. An interesting feature is the comparison of many facts in the Old and New Worlds. Thus, in a map on which the United States is imposed upon a map of Europe-Africa, we see the central coast of California impinging upon the coast of Spain while the South Carolina coast is in Syria; and our northwestern border lies along the English Channel while the southern ends of Texas and Florida penetrate far into the Sahara. Comparative July isotherms show that New Yorkers must look to the south of the Mediterranean, in the western part of the old world, for average warmth comparable with ours in that month. The more important facts of all the geographical and economic phases of our land are logically and clearly set forth.

Illustrated Handbook of Madeira and the Canaries. By A. Samler Brown. 88 pp., 1 Plate of Maps in colours and many Illustrations. Union Castle Mail S. S. Co., London, 1906. A finely illustrated handbook for visitors to these islands.

The United States, With Excursions to Mexico, Cuba, Porto Rico and Alaska. By Karl Baedeker. 4th revised Edition. cii and 724 pp., 33 Maps and 48 Plans. Karl Baedeker, Leipzig, 1909. This edition differs considerably from its predecessors. The handbook is now used largely by American travellers at home and sections are expanded in the present edition that appeal more to the American than to the foreign tourist. Some of the maps have been enlarged and improved and there are more of them than in the earlier editions.

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